

Life Lines

A quarterly newsletter



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Summer Edition 2018

A Word from Our President

By Dr. Wayne Decroo

On Sunday afternoon June 3, a dedicated band of nearly 50 brave souls rallied at the Northmoreland Park pavilion in the midst of threatening dark clouds! After all were registered and pledge sheets turned in, the 1:00 start of the walk had arrived. All present knew we were there to save lives and help families succeed!

Within 5 minutes after the planned start, the dark clouds subsided and the Lord let the sun show up pledging to put His two cents into our 2018 "Walking for Babies" event. Most walked for the following two hours around the gorgeous lake. A delicious late lunch was prepared and offered by Chris and Beth Kaminski, and Beth even added a bit of her own blood, sweat and tears as she sliced her hand. Only 4 stitches later she arrived back at the event after visiting the emergency room.

It was now time to reveal the top fund raisers! Pledges are requested by the participants from family, friends and businesses to support the mission of TryLife Center. The potential of this type of event has extremely far-reaching tentacles. The farthest participant came from San Francisco! The farthest pledge donation came from Burbank, California!

The largest pledge amounts received by individuals came from 4 very successful participants! Our very own executive director, Vera Marelli was #1, raising \$1,450 and so close behind was our wonderful staff member, Raianne Welling, raising \$1,400, followed by our board member, Jennifer Sanders, raising \$1,300. Finishing off the top 4 fund raisers was my very own wife, Susan Decroo, raising \$1,000.

These top 4 awesome participants raised half of the total amount raised for this event! Everyone involved deserves a huge thank you for their efforts in making this year's "Walking for Babies" a HUGE success! I know that God's hand was truly watching over us.

By the way, shortly after the cleanup and securing of all necessary equipment, the skies opened up with rain again. God was certainly there that day and blessing our efforts to save his little children.



We welcome new board members Brandon Quarles and Patricia Ziringer. Brandon comes to us from Highmark. Pat has been a volunteer at TryLife for several years, lately doing community school presentations.

George Ziringer stepped off the Board after fulfilling his extended term of 7 years including officiating as Board President. Everyone on staff enjoyed seeing George weekly in the building. We will certainly miss him but expect that he will remain an active part of all we do. God's very best to you, George, and many thanks.

Would you consider being a board member? Please call for information.

Baby Bottle Campaign Blessings



We are very grateful for the following churches and organizations doing Baby Bottle Campaigns since our last newsletter:

- * Abundant Joy Fellowship
- * Harvest Baptist
- * John Huss Lutheran
- * Kiski Valley Community Church
- * Millerstown United Methodist
- * Oakmont United Methodist
- * Springdale Open Bible
- * Knights of Columbus
Councils 1381 and 6715.

Bottle campaigns are a very important way for us to partner with area churches and organizations, and they provide a source of funding for the Parent & Baby Program. Any time is a perfect time to schedule a campaign.

Will your church or business consider supporting us with a campaign this year? Please contact Mallory: outreach@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x105.



*One Client's Challenge

"She's deaf. The baby is deaf."

Staff and volunteers at TryLife Center immediately rushed toward the tiny baby, only five weeks old, looking so perfect and peaceful sleeping in her mother's arms. How is it possible? How can they know so soon? She's so tiny...

Nineteen-year-old Chloe had gone to the emergency room five weeks earlier with high blood pressure. She was still four weeks from her due date and never expected that she would be delivering her baby girl so soon. When she heard the word "C Section" come from the doctor's mouth, she said, "I remembered the C Section procedure from the videos I had watched at TryLife. I said to myself, 'I can do this.' Then when I got to the delivery room, I started freaking out!" But there was no need to worry. The C Section was a success, and little Adelyn was delivered, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz.

It had been a difficult pregnancy for Chloe as she struggled with hypertension, hyperemesis, and preeclampsia. TryLife's staff and volunteers were there to help all along the way with counseling, resources and group classes to carry Chloe and her family through this challenging but exciting time in their lives. "I learned through the Single Parenting Class that even though I'm a parent, I need to take care of myself," Chloe reported.

Finding out that little Adelyn is deaf has added yet another challenge for Chloe as a single parent. "They did a lot of testing to be sure. It's most likely a genetic cause. With early intervention, doctors hope to be able to teach the baby to talk and to sign. They'll be starting that when she's 2 months old. She can get hearing aids at 3 months. And once I learn sign language, I want to come back to TryLife and help other parents who might have this problem."

"TryLife Center is absolutely the best thing ever. Even if you don't come because you need things, you can learn a lot. The staff here is very friendly and very supportive," Chloe said. "Counseling with Tonya is the best part. The counselor helped me a lot with major decisions in my life."

Chloe's mother, who is her greatest ally, said to one of the TryLife volunteers, "You helped the whole family. Not just Chloe—the whole family."

*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.



Can it be that time of
year again?

About this time every year we ask you to join us for our annual fundraising event and partner in providing real solutions for our clients. This year, Thursday, October 18, is the date that we invite you to spend a bit of time meeting with some of our clients and their babies, our board, and our staff. It's an exciting time in our history as we prepare to extend our services out in the community. You will gain a glimpse of the excitement with the enclosed invitation...*Oh, The Places We Will Go.*

Come and enjoy our annual fundraising banquet. Delight in the breath-taking view of the Alle-Kiski Valley from Veltre's Wedding & Event Centre while dining on a delicious lunch or dinner. This year you will hear from some of your friends and fellow donors. To add to the event, there will be Chinese auction baskets, auctions to the highest bidders, the winning raffle ticket will be pulled and you will be able to sign-up for the 2019 Walking for Babies event.



We are working with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation on a special offering of a "box for 12 fans" at a 2018-19 Pens game. Bidding starts at \$5,000 for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. What a great place to hold a party for your family, special friends or business associates!

Additionally, we have a Kris Letang signed jersey and a season ticketholder has donated a set of Pens tickets.

Our annual fundraiser creates the foundation of our budget which comes through individual donors' support. We look forward to seeing you so please return your response card today.





Gifts Given*

In Honor of...

Grandchildren Jack, Caleb & Delaney
Jesse & Leah Simendinger
Frances Travaglia's Birthday
Lois Weidner's Birthday
Rosalind Yeasted's 1st Birthday

By...

Cindy & David Long
Dolores & Robert Aiken
Raianne Welling
David & Diane Mazur
Gerri Momberger

In Memory of...

Jack Aubele
Anthony & Joan Crivaro
Mary Davis
Raphael Francis Huber
Debby Justham
Anne Klukaszewski
Arthur Kuchta
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Charles Kunkel
Annetta Magliocco
Lilli Rhea Mazary
Jack Momberger
Eileen Moore
Mary Davis/Rovnan
Michael "Pops" Travaglia

By...

John Ward
Debby & Joe Discello
Gerri Momberger
Joan & John Runco
Ray Justham
Frank Klukaszewski
Dolores Giunta & Family
TLC Board & Staff
Joan Dlubak-Kunkel
Janet Donati
Joan Caiccao
Sr. Rita Yeasted
Joseph Moore
Janet & John Rovnan
Raianne Welling

**To have a name listed in our newsletter and/or acknowledgment sent, we ask for a minimum donation of \$25 per individual or couple name. Additionally, to have an individual or couple's name placed on a permanent plaque, we ask for a minimum donation of \$50 per name/couple.*

Dr. Seth Hornack 2018 Recipient of the Spirit Award

The 2018 Spirit Award goes to a very deserving local chiropractor, Dr. Seth Hornack. The Spirit Award will be presented to Seth at TryLife Center's annual fall fund-raising banquet on October 18 at Veltre's Wedding & Event Centre.

Seth is a man of God and exemplifies what it means to be self-less -- putting his family, friends, patients and community before his own personal gain. He treats every patient with the same time and care, whether it is someone who can afford only a small payment or someone who has full insurance coverage.

In an emergency, Seth has been known to meet a patient at 10 o'clock at night or to visit a patient in his home if he is unable to travel. Seth is deeply rooted in his Christian beliefs, love of others and sanctity of life. Seth not only "talks" the Christian talk, but he "walks it" as well.

It has been said that the "authentic self" is the soul made visible, and we believe that Seth's soul shines so very brightly!

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BILLBOARDS?

People are commenting about our billboards that say, "We offer Real Alternatives." A few have asked are we now offering abortions? Absolutely not!

There is an alternative, another road, driven by compassion. In our state women or girls can turn to Pennsylvania's Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, of which we are a part.

The program is administered by Real Alternatives, which supports both the woman and her baby, equipping her with the tools that will help her succeed at motherhood, college, relationships, and the rest of the elements of her life.

Blessings & Recognitions

Thanks to David & Christine Schramm for the generous donation of diapers, wipes, formula & Pediasure for our babies.

The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek donated diapers, baby wipes, baby food & formula through a special collection in June.

Teens at United Presbyterian Church in New Kensington made quilted bibs for TLC babies.

A monthly group of dedicated volunteers from the Kiski Valley Presbyterian Church has been cleaning, assembling furniture and doing carpentry work at the Center.

Attorney Philip McCalister donated a very attractive modular desk set for the copy room.

The Westmoreland County Food Bank donated extra diapers in addition to baby supplies to the Center in July.

Thank you Kristina Lynch for teaching the recent breast-feeding and infant care classes.

Many thanks to Lesley Bonner for her professional session with our administration.

You are all so appreciated.





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- Radiologist or OB physician proficient in reading ultrasounds via email on a voluntary basis. Call 724.389.7195
- Volunteers for our Parent & Baby Program. Please contact marionb@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x100
- Child care helpers for Lois' Cottage
- Gift cards for critical pantry needs
- Toiletries, soy-based baby formula, Pediasure, Desitin, baby wipes and diapers
- Community Education Program volunteers to help with middle & high school presentations



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